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MEDIA ADVISORY

Minnesota Power ready to respond to predicted winter storm; customers encouraged to download app to stay informed

DULUTH, Minn. – With line crews and equipment positioned and ready to respond, Minnesota Power is prepared for the significant winter storm predicted for northern Minnesota tonight and Wednesday.

With the potential for heavy, wet snow and strong winds, this storm may lead to power outages. Travel could be difficult at times and may lead to extended power restoration times. The safety of our crews and customers is our top priority.

The predicted high winds could blow trees and tree branches onto power lines. People are urged to stay away from downed power lines and not attempt to remove tree branches that may have fallen on lines. Always assume that downed wires are energized and can cause injury or death.

Stay informed

We encourage customers to download our mobile app to be able to report an outage, view the outage map and check power restoration times. To download the app for Apple iOS or Android, go to the Minnesota Power app webpage at <https://www.mnpower.com/MobileApp> and click on the App Store or Google Play button in the banner at the top of the page. You will then be linked to the webpage where the app can be installed on your device.

Our online Outage Center at <https://www.mnpower.com/OutageCenter> also includes outage maps and information on power restoration times. Following Minnesota Power on Twitter or Facebook is another way to get timely updates on power outages.

Stay safe

Here are some tips to be prepared for an outage:

- Keep a “Lights Out” kit in an accessible place with at least one flashlight, a battery-powered radio and extra batteries.
- Use candles or camping lanterns with caution.
- Turn off televisions, stoves, microwave ovens, stereo equipment and other appliances except your refrigerator and freezer.
- Leave at least one light on so you'll know when power has been restored.
- Do not go near any low or downed wires as injury or death could occur. Always assume downed power lines are energized.

For more “Lights Out” tips, visit: <https://www.mnpower.com/OutageCenter/WhatToDoIfLightsGoOut>.

About Minnesota Power

Minnesota Power provides electric service within a 26,000-square-mile area in northeastern Minnesota, supporting comfort, security and quality of life for 150,000 customers, 14 municipalities and some of the largest industrial customers in the United States. More information can be found at www.mnpower.com.

About ALLETE, Inc.

ALLETE, Inc. is an energy company headquartered in Duluth, Minnesota. In addition to its electric utilities, Minnesota Power and Superior Water, Light and Power of Wisconsin, ALLETE owns ALLETE Clean Energy, based in Duluth, Minnesota; BNI Energy in Bismarck, North Dakota; and New Energy Equity, headquartered in Annapolis, Maryland; and has an 8% equity interest in the American Transmission Co. More information about ALLETE is available at www.allete.com.

ALLETE calculates and reports carbon emissions based on the GHG Protocol. Details in ALLETE's [Corporate Sustainability Report](#).

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